

## REMARKS

### 1. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-44 are pending.

As requested by the Office, Applicants have identified claims 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 41, 42, and 44 as reading on the elected species, i.e., "inhibiting enzyme activity" as described in claim 14 and the species *helicobacter* as described in claim 21.

No new matter was added.

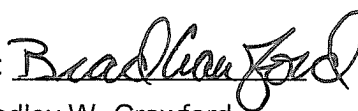
## CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully contend that all requirements of patentability have been met. Allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue are therefore respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-2114.

Respectfully submitted,

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